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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the enclosed Communications from the European Patent Office, both of which are dated April 21, 2006, which issued during prosecution of European applications corresponding to the above U.S. application.

The reference cited in the European Communication was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 16, 1997.

In view of the date of the European Communications, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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